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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2002, the date for timely reply is extended three months to expire on February 13, 2003, Applicants request entry of the Amendment and reconsideration of the claims.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

*B1*  
A-This application is a Continuation of Patent Cooperation Treaty International application Ser. No. PCT/US00/13975, filed May 19, 2000, entitled EXTRACELLULAR SIGNALING MOLECULES, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional applications U.S. Ser. No. 60/134,949, filed May 19, 1999, U.S. Ser. No. 60/144,270, filed July 15, 1999, U.S. Ser. No. 60/146,700, filed July 30, 1999, and U.S. Ser. No. 60/157,508, filed October 4, 1999. All of these applications are hereby expressly incorporated by reference herein. *AA*